natural calamities including damage caused by storms in the month of May, 1995.

Evaluation of Early Childhood Education

*91. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake an evaluation of early childhood education in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. The evaluation of Early Childhood Education Scheme has been entrusted to the National institute of public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD). The broad objectives of this evaluation are to:

(i) Study the organisational and administrative set up of the ECE centres and assess their functional efficiency.

(ii) Assess the quality of services provided in the centres and identify factors/variables associated with it.

(iii) Assess the impact of ECE on school enrolment and adjustment of children; and

(iv) Identify areas of weakness in the scheme and suggest ways of improvement.

Appointment of Chairman, National Commission for women

*92. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minisiter of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not appointing the Chairman and Members of the National Commission for Women and how long there have been vacancies which have not been filled; and

(b) when was the Report of the National Commission for Women last presented to the Parliament and when is the next report likely to be presented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Does not arise. One Member was nominated on 26.10.1994 for a period of three years. The Member Secretary was nominated with effect from 29.5.1992. The Chairperson and the four other Members were nominated on 20.7.1995.

(b) The first annual report of the National Commission for Women is yet to be presented to parliament. It will be presented to Parliament alongwith the Action Taken Report shortly. The next Annual Report will be presented to Parliament on its receipt from National Commission for Women.

Sub-standard Admissions in Medical and Engineering colleges

*93. SHRI K.R. MALKANT:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students with 4% and even 1% marks are being given admission in professional colleges;

(b) if so, whether Indian degrees will become worthless, if such-sub-standard admissions are made to medical and engineering colleges; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Reports about some cases of this nature have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) The All India Council for Technical Education has prescribed